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2 This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims
3 in the application:
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5 **Listing of Claims**

6 **Claims 1-2 (Cancelled)**

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8 **Claim 3 (Currently amended):** A method as recited in claim [[2]]16,
9 wherein the first and second security codes [[is]]are at least partially encrypted.
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12 **Claim 4 (Currently amended):** A method as recited in claim [[1]]16,
13 wherein the first and second applications [[is]]are verified based at least partially
14 on memory location information associated with a verifying function.

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16 **Claim 5 (Original):** A method as recited in claim 4, wherein the memory
17 location information associated with the verifying function defines memory
18 location within a read only memory (ROM).

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20 **Claim 6 (Currently amended):** A method as recited in claim [[1]]16,
21 wherein the initial range includes at least a maximum controlled parameter setting,
22 and the second application is not allowed to modify the controlled parameter
23 setting beyond the maximum controlled parameter setting.

1 Claim 7 (Currently amended): A method as recited in claim [[1]]16,
2 wherein the initial range includes at least a minimum controlled parameter setting,
3 and the second application is not allowed to modify the controlled parameter
4 setting below the minimum controlled parameter setting.

5 Claims 8-14 (Cancelled)

6 Claim 15 (Currently amended): A method as recited in claim [[1]]16,
7 wherein the controlled parameter setting is selected from a group of settings
8 comprising an audio volume control parameter, an audio tone control parameter,
9 an illumination control parameter, a visual display control parameter, a
10 temperature control parameter, a communication access control parameter, a
11 peripheral device control parameter, a vehicle control parameter, and an
12 environment control parameter.
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14 Claim 16 (Currently amended): A method comprising:
15 verifying that a first application is authorized to set an initial range for a
16 controlled parameter setting;

17 if authorized, allowing the first application to set an initial range for the
18 controlled parameter setting;

19 subsequently, allowing at least a second application to modify the
20 controlled parameter setting within the initial range set by the first application;

21 verifying that the second application is authorized to modify a current range
22 for the controlled parameter setting;

1 if authorized, allowing the second application to modify the current range
2 for the controlled parameter setting; and

3 subsequently, allowing at least a third application to modify the controlled
4 parameter setting within the current range as modified by the second application.

5 A method as recited in claim 8, wherein [[:]]
6 verifying that the first application is authorized to set the initial range for
7 the controlled parameter setting further includes using a first verifier; and
8 verifying that the second application is authorized to modify the current
9 range for the controlled parameter setting further includes using a second verifier,
10 wherein the first verifier and the second verifier are operatively configured
11 in a serial arrangement, and the first verifier is independently responsive to a first
12 security code and the second verifier is independently responsive to a second
13 security code.

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15 Claim 17 (Original): A method as recited in claim 16, wherein the first
16 verifier is provided by a first entity and the second verifier that is provided by a
17 second entity.

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19 Claim 18 (Original): A method as recited in claim 16, wherein the first
20 security code and the second security code are the same.

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22 Claim 19 (Original): A method as recited in claim 16, wherein the first
23 security code is provided by a first entity and the second security code is provided
24 by a second entity.

Claims 20-23 (Cancelled)

Claim 24 (Currently amended): A computer-readable medium as recited in claim [[23]]37, wherein the first and second security codes [[is]]are at least partially encrypted.

Claim 25 (Currently amended): A computer-readable medium as recited in claim [[22]]37, wherein the first and second applications [[is]]are verified based at least partially on memory location information associated with a verifying function.

Claim 26 (Original): A computer-readable medium as recited in claim 25, wherein the memory location information associated with the verifying function defines memory location within a read only memory (ROM).

Claim 27 (Currently amended): A computer-readable medium as recited in claim [[22]]37, wherein the initial range includes at least a maximum controlled parameter setting, and the second application is not allowed to modify the controlled parameter setting beyond the maximum controlled parameter setting.

Claim 28 (Currently amended): A computer-readable medium as recited in claim [[22]]37, wherein the initial range includes at least a minimum controlled parameter setting, and the second application is not allowed to modify the controlled parameter setting below the minimum controlled parameter setting.

1 Claims 29-35 (Cancelled)

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3 Claim 36 (Currently amended): A computer-readable medium as recited
4 in claim [[22]]37, wherein the controlled parameter setting is selected from a
5 group of settings comprising an audio volume control parameter, an audio tone
6 control parameter, an illumination control parameter, a visual display control
7 parameter, a temperature control parameter, a communication access control
8 parameter, a peripheral device control parameter, a vehicle control parameter, and
9 an environment control parameter.

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11 Claim 37 (Currently amended): A computer-readable medium having
12 computer-executable instructions for performing steps comprising:

13 verifying that a first application is authorized to set an initial range for a
14 controlled parameter setting;

15 if authorized, allowing the first application to set an initial range for the
16 controlled parameter setting;

17 subsequently, allowing at least a second application to modify the
18 controlled parameter setting within the initial range set by the first application;

19 verifying that the second application is authorized to modify a current range
20 for the controlled parameter setting;

21 if authorized, allowing the second application to modify the current range
22 for the controlled parameter setting; and

23 subsequently, allowing at least a third application to modify the controlled
24 parameter setting within the current range as modified by the second application.

25 A computer-readable medium as recited in claim 29, wherein [[::]]

1 verifying that the first application is authorized to set the initial range for
2 the controlled parameter setting further includes using a first verifier; and

3 verifying that the second application is authorized to modify the current
4 range for the controlled parameter setting further includes using a second verifier,

5 wherein the first verifier and the second verifier are operatively configured
6 in a serial arrangement, and the first verifier is independently responsive to a first
7 security code and the second verifier is independently responsive to a second
8 security code.

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10 Claim 38 (Original): A computer-readable medium as recited in claim 37,
11 wherein the first verifier is provided by a first entity and the second verifier that is
12 provided by a second entity.

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14 Claim 39 (Original): A computer-readable medium as recited in claim 37,
15 wherein the first security code and the second security code are the same.

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17 Claim 40 (Original): A computer-readable medium as recited in claim 37,
18 wherein the first security code is provided by a first entity and the second security
19 code is provided by a second entity.

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21 Claims 41-72 (Cancelled)